

REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in an Office Action mailed December 14, 2004. The issue fee has not been paid.

The Notice of Allowance included an Examiner's Amendment, which Applicants' representative agreed to during a telephone conversation with the Examiner. Upon review of the Examiner's amendment, Applicants noted several minor errors and omissions in the Examiner's Amendment, which differed from the agreed-upon claim language. All of the errors and omissions appear to be of a typographical nature. This amendment is submitted to correct the minor errors and omissions that are found in claim 1, 18, and 20. The proposed amendments to claims 1, 18, and 20 show changes relative to the Examiner's Amendment mailed December 14, 2004.

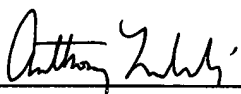
Each of the requested amendments is fully supported by the specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, and does not raise new issues. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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